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DECLARATION

Concerning Fire Danger Throughout Utah

WHEREAS, due to dry conditions, high temperatures, low humidity, winds, and other factors, the danger of fires is extremely high throughout the State of Utah;

WHEREAS, fires have burned and continue to burn in Utah and present serious threats to life, public safety, property, natural resources, and the environment;

WHEREAS, fires are very costly to federal, state, and local governments as well as to private citizens;

WHEREAS, many of Utah's cities and counties have urban wildland interface areas that are more susceptible to the dangers of wildland fires;

WHEREAS, many private residences, public and private infrastructure, critical watershed, and grazing and wildlife habitat are located in the urban wildland interface areas;

WHEREAS, due to the dangerous fire conditions, the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands, and various federal agencies, have already implemented fire restrictions on all state, federal, and unincorporated private lands;

WHEREAS, use of private fireworks, inappropriate open fires, use of matches or cigarettes near dry areas and wildlands, and other similar circumstances increase the risks of fire;

WHEREAS, prudent and immediate action is required to suppress fires and reduce the danger of additional fires in order to protect life, public safety, property, natural resources, and the environment;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gary R. Herbert, Governor of the State of Utah, on this 22nd day of June, 2012, do hereby call upon local governments to take appropriate actions to reduce the risks of additional fires, including regulating private fireworks to the extent permitted by law; and,

ADDITIONALLY, I encourage all residents of the State of Utah to reduce the risks of fire, abide by current restrictions, and take sensible and appropriate

action.

Gary R. Herbert
Governor

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